

WHITSELL'S WIDOW SAYS POLICE BEAT HIM TO DEATH

Chef's Body Was Covered with Bruises After Being Taken Dying from Station House Cell to the Hospital.

What may develop into another McLaughlin case is that of George Whitsell, a chef, of No. 337 West Forty-ninth street, who was taken unconscious from a cell in the West One Hundred Fifty-second street station to the Harlem Hospital, where he died Monday morning.

At the hospital it was stated that Whitsell had died of a fractured skull, but when the widow claimed the body it was found to be covered with contusions from head to foot. The man's chest, arms, abdomen and legs were black and blue.

Had Three Epileptic Fits.

Whitsell had been employed at Dunston's for some time, and on Friday last, between 11 and 12 o'clock, had three epileptic fits. His employers wanted him to go to bed that Saturday, but he refused to go home to his wife, who knew how to care for him when he had the seizures.

Shortly before noon he started for his home, and Mrs. Whitsell was advised of his departure. She waited up for him all of Friday night and Saturday, carefully watching the newspapers to see whether or not he had become ill on the street and sent to any of the hospitals. She learned that late Saturday a man giving the name of Whitsell had been arraigned in the Harlem Police Court on a charge of intoxication and remained for one day by Magistrate Crane because he appeared to be in a stupor.

Whitsell was apparently dazed and could give no account of himself. He did not appear to be drunk. Whitsell was placed in a cell, and late Saturday afternoon Head Keeper Drummell, who was at one time a trained nurse, found him lying unconscious.

Drummell from his hospital experience believed Whitsell was suffering from a fractured skull and called a Harlem Hospital ambulance, and Dr. Grief responded.

Doctor Said "Faking."

After an examination Dr. Grief said the man was faking, and refused to take him to the hospital. Head Keeper Drummell was insistent, and finally Whitsell was put in the ambulance, still unconscious, and taken to the hospital, where he died on Monday morning.

Mrs. Whitsell and the newspaper reporters were told that the man had died of a fractured skull, and Mrs. Whitsell was given permission to have the body removed to the Merritt Undertaking Company's establishment. There Coroner's Physician Weston performed an autopsy and gave a certificate of death from edema of the lungs. He found no evidence of a fractured skull so far as could be learned.

The body was then taken to Mrs. Whitsell's home and she claims that it was so badly bruised and beaten up that she hardly recognized it. When she saw its condition she went to the West One Hundred Fifty-second street station and wanted to know how and where her husband had been arrested.

Mrs. Whitsell says all information was refused her and that she was ordered from the station. She has not been able to learn how her husband got to Harlem or what he was doing there when arrested. She says that he was not a man who would drink and go far from his home.

The police of the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street station say Whitsell was picked up in Amsterdam avenue near the station-house Saturday and appeared to be drunk. They say he was evidently in a physical condition and deny that he was in any way ill-treated.

Mrs. Whitsell, who is left destitute with two small children by her husband's death, says she is certain that her husband was beaten to death by the police who arrested him.

Today the Harlem Hospital was said to have no diagnosis had been made known what he died of. After his death the hospital authorities telephoned the Coroner's office that they thought Whitsell had died of a fractured skull, but did not know for a certainty.

CRAP SHOOTER OFF FORCE.

Policeman John Loosen Dismissed by Commissioner Partridge. John Loosen, one of the policemen caught "shooting craps" in the James slip saloon by Capt. James O'Reilly, was dismissed from the force by Commissioner Partridge to-day. Loosen was tried last week.

Patrolmen Guigley, Campbell and Hearty, the three other officers tried, will hear their fate later. Commissioner Partridge announced that he would take time to read the testimony carefully.

SHOT OLD ENEMY IN HEAD.

Italian Is Held to Await Result of His Victim's Injuries. Angelo Laudiero, twenty-seven years old, was remanded for examination on Sept. 17 by Magistrate Pool in the Tombs Court to-day. Laudiero on Sunday last, it is alleged, shot Genero Russo, an Italian baker, who lives in the Bronx, in the head.

The men were enemies in Italy and had not met in three years. Laudiero caught Russo running up behind him in Mulberry street and shot him in the head. Russo's condition is said to be serious. He is in St. Vincent's Hospital.

OLD POLICEMAN RETIRED.

Serjt. Alexander Barr was to-day retired by Police Commissioner Partridge on the recommendation of the Board of Police Surgeons. Serjt. Barr had been a member of the Police Department for twenty-seven years, and was retired because of old age. He was born in the City of London, England, and had been a member of the Police Department for many years and at the time of his retirement he was acting as a sergeant and acting head of the old Eighth Precinct.



GEORGE WHITSELL.

OHIO DEMOCRATS INDORSE BRYAN.

Following Lead of Tom Johnson They Re-Affirm Kansas City Platform—Denounce Monopolies.

CEDAR POINT, O., Sept. 3.—The Democratic State Convention met here to-day and rapid progress was made in the transaction of business. The Johnson party was in complete control. It dictated the platform which indorsed the Kansas City declaration of the party's national policy and paid a warm tribute to W. J. Bryan.

Rev. Herbert Bigelow, of Cincinnati, was nominated for Secretary of State without opposition.

Judge Michael Donnelly, a Johnson man, was named for Supreme Court and the whole Johnson State ticket was chosen by acclamation.

Tom Johnson as temporary Chairman made an address, which was in part as follows:

"The principles of Democracy, always old but never obsolete, confront us today both in local and in national questions."

Deny the Monopolies.

"One of the national questions relates to trusts. For this evil our adversaries advise publicity as the remedy."

"PUBLICITY—that might protect investors against fraud; but how could it protect the public against monopoly, which is the basis of trusts?"

"Men whose incomes have increased but little or not at all, but whose living expenses have increased enormously—why should they care for publicity?"

"WHAT IS NEEDED IS NOT EXAMINATIONS OF THE ACCOUNT BOOKS OF THE TRUST; IT IS THE SWEEPING OF MONOPOLIES FROM THE STATUTE BOOKS OF THE PEOPLE."

"The money question also is national. And let me tell you this is no dead issue, as some would have us believe. It is a living issue, it is a living issue, it is a living issue in other and more radical forms. So

SAY SOCIETY MAN KILLS THEIR CATS.

Staten Island Folk Accuse A. H. Tucker, of Philadelphia, of Wholesale Massacre of Feline Pets.

Dislike for cats is one of the ruling passions of Albert H. Tucker, of Gordon place, New Brighton, L. I., according to his neighbors. Mr. Tucker is a prominent society man of Philadelphia and his wife was a daughter of Dr. Pepper, the famous professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He spends his summers at New Brighton.

Neighbors complain that he has been shooting every cat that appears on his place. Ankoras and other fine animals have met death from Mr. Tucker's rifle, according to his neighbors.

Complaint was made to Agent Elliott, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, but he could do nothing, as he had no evidence against Mr. Tucker.

TAKES HIGH BALL ON A FORK

Bedini Will Perform on Street for a Broadway Crowd.

Jehan Bedini, a variety actor whose specialty is catching turnips and potatoes thrown from great heights on a fork held in his mouth, will appear on Broadway and Twenty-eighth street at noon to-morrow.

He will stand on the curbstone and catch a three-ounce turnip thrown from the roof of the lofty St. James Building. There is a bet of several hundred dollars on the result of the feat between Ben Hurst, the Harlem theatrical manager, and a wine agent named Chappelle.

TWO SLASHED BY "L" THIEF.

A Desperate Fight in Which One Man Will Probably Be Injured Permanently.

PASSENGERS SCARED.

None Came to the Rescue and Man That Tried to Grab a Watch Escaped After a Chase.

Edwin Bergen, a brakeman on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, living at Fifth and Grove streets, Jersey City, is in Flower Hospital with two deep gashes in his left arm which the doctors say will render the limb permanently useless. The wounds were received in his desperate fight with a thief in a Third avenue elevated train. Thomas Mooney, an elevated train guard, living at No. 210 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, is also in the Flower Hospital with similar wounds, but his injury will not result so seriously.

Bergen was riding in an uptown train when he saw a thief across the aisle take a gold watch from the pocket of a sleeping passenger. The brakeman leaped over the back of his seat and grabbed the thief. Bergen pinned the man to the seat by falling on him, and in the struggle which followed the pickpocket got a razor from his pocket and slashed his captor. Bergen yelled with pain, but still held to his prisoner. Mooney left his gates and ran toward the struggling men. As he placed his arm down to hold the thief, he received a gash which rendered his arm useless.

Both called for help. There were twenty other men in the car, but they seemed frightened and ran into the other cars instead of assisting in the arrest. The train was drawing into the Fifty-third street station. Bergen's arm weakened and he let the thief go. The muscles inflicted by the cuts and the thief freed himself and ran to the platform. Others in the car started to follow him, but he turned and swung his razor about him and cried:

"Keep back. I'll cut the first one who comes near me. I'll cut his head off. Keep back."

Both the effect he desired and his timid pursuers halted as he turned and vaulted the closed gates, ran across the platform, by the ticket chopper and down the stairs to the street.

Bergen told the police that the thief was a smooth-faced young man, five feet seven inches tall, and weighing about one hundred and forty pounds. He had brown hair, a black suit and a black derby hat. In the struggle with Bergen and Mooney his hat was knocked off and the thief did not stop to pick it up. The police hope to use the hat as an aid in identifying the man.

The name of the owner of the watch was not learned. He was drunk, and, during the excitement, the thief escaped, he staggered out of the car and down to the street without even knowing that he had been robbed.

GIRL DIED AFTER LOVERS' QUARREL.

Pretty Fannie Rudin Took a Dose of Carbolic Acid and Left a Letter for the Coroner.

Because she had quarrelled with her sweetheart, pretty Fannie Rudin, a shirt-waist operator, killed herself with carbolic acid in her room, No. 333 Madison street. Her failure to appear this morning caused no alarm on the part of her landlady, Mrs. Goldman, as it was her custom to sleep late. When she had not appeared at noon Mrs. Goldman became alarmed and broke in.

The young woman was found dead in bed with a vial which had contained carbolic acid by her side. Her face and neck were badly burned. She left a letter for the Coroner. The young woman has relatives in Brooklyn, but Mrs. Goldman does not know where they live. She has been living at Mrs. Goldman's about eight months and worked for a Broadway suit manufacturer. Mrs. Goldman said to-day that Miss Rudin and her sweetheart had quarrelled several times recently and that the girl was frequently in tears.

DROWNED WHILE SWIMMING.

Tabbot Deckhand Succumbed While in Bathing Off Oak Point.

Ernest Johnson, seventeen years old, a deckhand on tugboat No. 14 of the New York and New Haven Railroad, went in swimming at Oak Point last night. He was drowned. The body has not yet been found.

SAVES A DROWNING BOY.

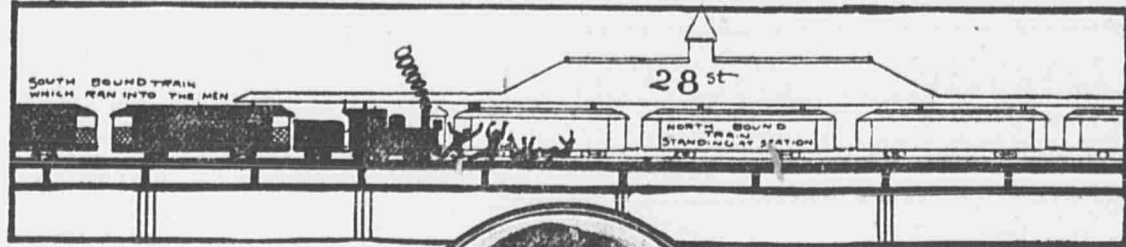
Lad of Nine Fell from Pier and Dock-Builders Rescued Him.

Thomas Reilly, nine years old, of 632 East Fourteenth street, fell overboard to-day while playing on a pier at the foot of East Nineteen street.

Thomas Hoey, a dock-builder, was near, and throwing off his coat he jumped into the water and rescued the boy with little trouble.

CROWD ON 6TH AVENUE "L" SAW MAN GROUND TO DEATH

DIAGRAM SHOWING THE ACCIDENT ON THE "L" ROAD.



Life Crushed Out of John Mangin and Three Other Workmen Injured Near Twenty-eighth Street.

THE DEAD. MANGIN, JOHN, forty-five years old, married, No. 88 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street.

THE INJURED. FASSIG, PETER, forty-five years old, 265 East Eighty-third street; arm broken, internal injuries, cuts and bruises. New York Hospital.

SEEBECK, CHARLES, forty years old, 105 Manhattan street; cuts about the face and head. Taken home.

SMITH, FRANK, thirty-five years old; No. 300 East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street; cut about face and arms, body severely bruised. Taken home.

How It Was Caused.

While 200 passengers looked on, a man was run over and killed and three others injured by a heavily laden train on the Sixth Avenue Elevated Railroad at the Twenty-eighth street station to-day.

The body of the man run over was dragged fifty yards and torn apart. The wildest excitement followed the accident. When the train was brought to a stop hundreds of the passengers, who had crowded to the gates, jumped to the tracks. They were followed by most of the passengers who were awaiting the train on the station platform. The tracks soon swarmed with an excited mob, many of whom accused the engineer.

Engineer Feared the Crowd. John Allen, engineer of the engine which caused the accident, feared the anger of the people and closed the cab doors, locking himself in. He could not move his train out of the station, as the tracks were blocked by the people.

On the platform and in the trains many women, frightened by the screams of the men and women on the platform who had witnessed the accident, fainted. The four men were employed in installing the third or contact rail for the electric system. The passage between the tracks is so narrow that to permit trains to pass in both directions at the same time it is necessary for the men between to stand in a line shoulder to shoulder.

A north-bound train had arrived at the Twenty-eighth street station with only a few passengers aboard, as the traffic at that hour is toward the downtown section.

At the same time a crowded south-bound train was seen to approach from the north. Mangin, who was the furthest north, was standing on a loose plank and the



John Mangin

Engineer, in Fear of the 200 Passengers Who Swarmed on the Tracks, Locked the Door of His Cab.

rumble of the approaching train is believed to have caused it to slip so that Mangin's shoulder projected out of line.

Warning Was Too Late.

Seeing this number of men on the passenger platform yelled to him to stand in close to the stationary train on the north-bound track. They were too late. Just as the engine struck him a number of women screamed. Mangin was lifted and thrown about. He first struck the standing train and on the rebound he struck Seebek, who was standing next to him, knocking him down, and swinging his own body under the moving train.

Boundman Heitz arraigned Allen before Magistrate Deuel in the Jefferson Market Court, who remanded the prisoner to the Coroner.

SHORN BOER LAUDS AMERICAN BARBERS

Engineer Munnik Hopes the Whiskered Generals Will Visit Our Shores if Only to Get a Good Shave.

J. H. Munnik, former State Mining Engineer under the Transvaal Government, sailed for Southampton, on his way to South Africa, on the steamship St. Paul today. He was accompanied by many members of Boer societies in New York.

"I have been treated most cordially by Americans," said Mr. Munnik, "and I hope that our Boer Generals will come over here for a visit, even if only to be shaved by one of your barbers. I never knew the luxury of a shave until I came to this country."

"As I have said before, I expect South Africa now to rapidly rise from its ashes, as it were, and in a short time be one of the leading countries of the world. I am sorry that I am going away, and I shall look forward to returning."

"I predict a great future for South Africa, for I do not think there is any country in the world that has such a foundation for a great empire as South Africa. I am sorry that I am going away, and I shall look forward to returning."

INDICTED FOR MURDER.

BRIDGETON, N. J., Sept. 3.—Coroner McPherson finished his inquest in the Holmes murder case to-day. Nothing new was brought out, and the jury returned a verdict holding Job Murray Williams, who is now under arrest for the crime.

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Smith's Axminster Carpets, borders to match, per yd. 80c		Extra quality, strictly all wool and shown in effective Turkish and floral patterns; 12 feet long and 9 feet wide, usually sold at \$19.50, special for this sale at.....	13.98
Higgins's Best Velvet Carpets, some with borders, per yd.....	70c	Reversible Smyrna Rugs, 12 ft. x 9 ft., usual \$12.75 value; special at.....	7.98
All-Wool Velvet Carpets, per yard.....	59c	Japanese Oriental Rugs, 10 ft. 6 in. x 7 ft. 6 in., strictly hand made and worth \$9.98 each; special at.....	6.98
Smith's Best Brussels Carpets, in parlor, dining-room, sitting-room, hall and stair patterns—the regular 95-cent grade at 79c; regular 85-cent grade at 69c; regular 75-cent grade.....	59c	50 Genuine Roxbury Rugs, 9 ft. long and 7 ft. wide, famous for their durability, \$13.50 value, 9.98 at.....	9.98
Linoleum.		Reversible Smyrna Rugs.	
Genuine Hand Printed Scotch Linoleum, in 3 and 4 yard widths, exceptional assortments; worth 89c. per square yd.; special at.....	59c	30 Reversible Smyrna Rugs, shown in rich Oriental patterns, 15 feet long and 12 feet wide, suitable for very large rooms and usually sold at \$25.00, special to-morrow at.....	17.50
Good Cork Linoleum, 2 yards wide, in splendid patterns; worth 65c. per square yd.; special at.....	39c	Granite Rugs at \$1.49.	
English Enamelled Floor Oilcloth, 2 1/2, 1-2 and 1 yard widths; worth 45c. per square yd.; special at.....	29c	A Special Lot of 100 Granite Rugs, 9 feet long and 6 ft. wide, strong and durable; all colors; special to-morrow at.....	1.49

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100 Oak Sideboards (like cut), French mirror, handsomely carved top and base, lined silver drawer, cast brass handles; value \$22.50; sale price, **14.50**

\$16.50 Couch for 79.00.

75 Indestructible Couches, like illustration, heavy oak frame, covered in a choice selection of velours; a written guarantee with each couch; positively worth \$16.50; very special for this sale at..... **9.00**

\$68.00 Parlor Suit for \$45.00.

This 5-Piece Parlor Suit, covered in French gobein tapestry, silk damask or Verona velour; choice colors; finest piano finish; actual value \$68.00, sale price..... **45.00**

\$10.50 Beds for \$6.98.

We will place on sale to-morrow 50 Steel and Brass Beds, like illustration, heavy pillars and solid brass scrolls; these beds are in three sizes and are worth \$10.50 each; sale price..... **6.98**